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SUBJECT: WASH POST ALLEGES CIA PAYMENTS TO MOBUTU AND
KENYATTA

1. FRONT PAGE STORY WASHINGTON POST FEBRUARY 19 BY BOB
WOODWARD ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENTS KENYATTA AND MOBUTU AMONG
SEVERAL CHIEFS OF STATE WHO HAVE RECEIVED CIA PAYMENTS IN
PAST. ARTICLE QUOTES WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY TO
EFFECT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT "EITHER TO CONFIRM OR DENY --
ANY STORIES CONCERNING ALLEGED COVERT ACTIVITIES." FULL
TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA TWO.

2. WHITE HOUSE REVIEWING INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS:
THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY IT IS CONDUCTING AN
"INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE" REVIEW OF FOREIGN INTELLI-
GENCE OPERATIONS AS NEW REPORTS CIRCULATED THAT THE CEN-
TRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD SECRET FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS
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WITH AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN PRESENT AND FORMER FOREIGN
LEADERS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW WAS MADE BY
PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL DURING A BRIEFING IN WHICH HE
DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A REPORT IN THE WASHINGTON POST YES-
TERDAY THAT THE CIA HAS FOR 20 YEARS BEEN MAKING SECRET

CASH PAYMENTS TO KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.

POWELL'S STATEMENT WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL INDICATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN OVER CIA ACTIVITIES AND HIS APPARENT INTENTION TO BRING THEM UNDER CONTROL.

IN A STATEMENT READ BY POWELL, THE ADMINISTRATION POINTEDLY PRAISED KING HUSSEIN AS "AN OUTSTANDING NATIONAL LEADER" WHO HAD PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REDUCING TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

THE PAYMENTS TO HUSSEIN ARE NOT THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE CIA PAYING MONEY TO WORLD LEADERS, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES.

CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS RECEIVED AMOUNTS OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN THE LATE 1960S, THE SOURCES SAID. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THESE CIA PAYMENTS HAVE CONTINUED.

THE DALAI LAMA, THE EXILED GOD-KING OF TIBET, WAS ON THE CIA PAYROLL FOR SOME TIME AFTER HE FLED TO INDIA IN 1959 TO ESCAPE THE COMMUNIST CHINESE TAKEOVER OF TIBET.

HIS HOLINESS, THE 14TH DALAI LAMA, IS THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF AN ESTIMATED 6 MILLION TIBETANS. IT IS ALSO NOT KNOWN IF THESE PAYMENTS CONTINUE.

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THE SOURCES SAID THAT THERE ARE SIX TO EIGHT OTHER LEADERS OF COUNTRIES WHO HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER RECEIVED COVERT PAYMENTS FROM THE CIA.

IT WAS LEARNED, MEANWHILE, THAT THE COURT-CENSORED MANUSCRIPT OF A BOOK BY TWO FORMER GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS NAMED HUSSEIN ALONG WITH JOMO KENYATTA OF KENYA, JOSEPH MOBUTU OF ZAIRE, FORBES BURNHAM OF GUYANA, NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND WILLY BRANDT OF WEST GERMANY AS NATIONAL LEADERS WHO HAD SECRET FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CIA.

THE BOOK, "THE CIA AND THE CULT OF INTELLIGENCE," BY VICTOR MARCHETTI, A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL, AND JOHN MARKS, A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, WAS PUBLISHED WITH THE NAMES OF THE RECIPIENTS DELETED, SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT SAID. THE DELETIONS WERE ORDERED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT AS A RESULT OF THE CIA CIVIL SUIT AGAINST DISCLOSURE.

THESE RELATIONSHIPS, HOWEVER, NEVER REACHED THE FINANCIAL SCALE OR DURATION OF THE SECRET CIA SUPPORT EXTENDED TO HUSSEIN, ACCORDING TO QUALIFIED SOURCES.

SUCH PAYMENTS ARE NOT THE ONLY FOCUS OF THE REVIEW ANNOUNCED BY POWELL YESTERDAY. SOURCES SAID THAT THE REVIEW IS A SWEEPING LOOK AT THE CURRENT OPERATIONS OF ALL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

"IT'S NOT JUST TO SEE WHAT IS PROPER," ONE SOURCE SAID.
"IT IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE OPERATIONS ARE WORTH THE MONEY...IT'S A BUDGET REVIEW ALSO."

POWELL SAID THAT THE REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES WOULD ALSO INVOLVE SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.
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AT THE SAME TIME, THE REVIEW WILL NOT BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT, IN THE WORDS OF ONE OF THE SOURCES, TO "DIG BACK INTO THE PAST AND FIND ALL THE SKELETONS AND WAVE THEM AROUND...THE PRESIDENT (JUST) WANTS TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING ON HIS WATCH."

POWELL SAID YESTERDAY IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT THAT THE REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES INVOLVES ALL SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND IT BEGAN "ALMOST FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE ADMINISTRATION."

"THIS REVIEW IS NEARLY COMPLETED," POWELL SAID, "AND, ON THE BASIS OF ITS FINDINGS, THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE BASIC DECISIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES."

POWELL ADDED: "THE OBJECTIVE OF THE REVIEW IS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROPER, TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH OVERSIGHT PROCEDURES BY LAW, AND THAT WHAT CAN BE DONE OPENLY IS NOT DONE SECRETLY."

AS A MATTER OF POLICY POWELL SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT "EITHER TO CONFIRM OR DENY -- ANY SOTRIES CONCERNING ALLEGED COVERT ACTIVITIES."

IN HIS SESSION WITH REPORTERS, THE PRESS SECRETARY DOGGEDLY REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON HIS OPENING STATEMENT. AT TIMES DURING THE SENSITIVE BRIEFING THE QUESTIONING GREW TENSE AND POWELL APPEARED TO BE GROPING FOR WORDS.

SOURCES SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER ORDERED THE HUSSEIN PAY-

MENTS STOPPED THIS WEEK WITHIN A DAY OF LEARNING OF THEM.

IN ADDITION, RELIABLE CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY STOPPED SEVERAL OTHER CIA ACTIVITIES AND REPORTED THEIR TERMINATION TO THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID THE PAYMENTS TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WERE MADE AT THE TIME THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE TACIT CONSENT OF THE NEUTRALIST CYPRIOT PRESIDENT, FLEW U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS TO THE MIDDLE EAST FROM THE BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE OF AKROTIRI ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND.

THE CIA ALSO MAINTAINED SPECIAL RADIOS NEAR THE NORTHERN SEACOAST TOWN OF KYRENIA TO MONITOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES IN THE EAST MEDITERRANEAN.

CYPRIOT OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGED THE RECEIPT OF SPECIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDS BY MAKARIOS BUT MAINTAINED THAT THEY WERE USED BY THE ARCHBISHOP FOR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES.

THE CIA STATION CHIEF IN JORDAN DURING THE LATE 1960S, JOHN W. O'CONNELL, IS NOW A WASHINGTON ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED. ALTHOUGH O'CONNELL COULD NOT BE REACHED YESTERDAY FOR COMMENT AND WAS REPORTED TO BE IN JORDAN, RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SHOW HIS LAW FIRM HAS RECEIVED 333,000 DOLLARS IN LEGAL FEES FROM THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS HERE. END QUOTE.

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